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HORSE WITH NO NAME

Experts need your help in coming up with a name for this little cutie, the latest addition to the herd of rare konik horses at the South Swale Nature Reserve – which includes Seasalter marshes.

The Herne-based Wildwood Trust has been helping to reintroduce wild horses but by law every horse in Britain has to be registered.

Now staff overseeing the project need a moniker for the new arrival – gender unknown – in the next few days. And they are inviting Yourcanterbury readers to come up with a name. Konik horses are the closest living relatives of the tarpan, the wild forest horse that roamed Britain in neolithic times.

If you have a name for the foal, email your suggestion to info@wildwoodtrust.org

■ BY IAN READ

DISGRACED former DJ Barry Bethell promised to make a ten-year-old girl a pop star – then took explicit snaps of her, a court was told.

The former Radio Kent, Invicta and KMFM presenter, has admitted taking pictures.

But he denies indecently assaulting the girl and her friend. He also denies taking indecent photos of another nine-year-old girl.

The jury has heard how Bethell showered gifts on the youngster, including a laptop.

He told her mother he could make her a star.

Yesterday his son Dave Bethell, 30, an Invicta FM DJ, spoke in his father's defence. He read a statement saying he had agreed to produce the girl's record.

Earlier his dad told the court he had been taking photos of the girl when she "mooned" at him.

Under cross-examination by prosecutor Tanya Robinson, he said: "After she mooned at me I encouraged her to take her clothes off.

"Her showing her bottom was a joke and I asked her to go further. It became voyeuristic. I'm very ashamed. I just wanted to see her without her clothes."

Bethell claimed he was "disgusted" by what he had done, yet admitted taking a second set of pictures of the girl in exchange for money.

Miss Robinson said: "That's nonsense. She was reluctant, but felt she couldn't say no."

Earlier Bethell, 66, of Kimberley Grove,



DISGUSTED:
Barry Bethell

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St John's fire attracts huge public support



■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

A CAMPAIGN to rebuild Canterbury's St John's Ambulance office, which burned down just over two weeks ago, is under way.

Public support for the brigade is so strong that someone even handed over a cheque for £100 while the building was still on fire.

Flames took hold of the Canterbury Division of St John Ambulance on Friday, April 24, and completely devastated the 60-year-old property. No one was hurt or injured, said a spokesman.

At the time 15 cadets, aged between 10 and 17, were inside the building taking part in their weekly training. All escaped unharmed.

People living nearby offered tea, and one handed over the cheque towards the eventual hoped-for rebuilding work.

However, the fire was so severe that the brigade has been forced to look for a temporary new home.

They have set up a makeshift base at the Northgate Ward Community Centre in Military Road, where they can continue to teach and train young volunteers, work that is vital to the community.

GUTTED: The St John Ambulance office after the blaze which caused severe damage.

St John Ambulance Kent plays a massive role within the county, providing essential first aid cover at numerous events. All the events are staffed by volunteers.

The destruction of their headquarters is a terrible blow to the Canterbury members, they said.

Steve Walker, operations manager for St John Ambulance Kent, arrived at the scene shortly after the fire broke out.

He said: "The back of the building was well alight.

"Thankfully everyone was safely cleared due to the quick action and presence of mind of the officers in charge following our practised drill.

"We owe our thanks to the fire brigade, who attended promptly, and prevented what could have been a far worse situation developing, and to neighbours who provided refreshment and support when it was most needed.

"The building is substantially damaged. At this stage no cause has been determined, but a smaller fire which broke out exactly five weeks previously, causing only minor damage, gives us cause for concern."

For more information about St John Ambulance Kent, or to donate, please call 01732 874446.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cyclists fined for riding on pavements

PEDALLING on the pavement has led to fines for cyclists who police say pose a danger to pedestrians.

Last week, six £30 fines were issued to cyclists riding on the pavement and more patrols are planned.

The issue was raised by residents at a Police and Community Together meeting.

PC Angela Burgess said: "To some this may seem like a trivial matter, but it poses a danger to pedestrians and we will tackle the issues that are important to local people.

"I would urge cyclists to ride within the law, using only the road or a cycle path, and show consideration for pedestrians in the area."

Village's lost post office to be replaced

MP Julian Brazier has welcomed the Post Office announcement that a branch is to open in Barham again from June.

The new post office will be at the village hall car park in Barham – less than half a mile from its former location – and will offer the same range of services as the old branch, as well as car parking and level access for the disabled.

Mr Brazier said: "It is heartening to know that the decision can go the other way when the needs of the local community requires it."

More cash needed to remove city's graffiti

CANTERBURY has so much graffiti that the council can't afford to clean it all off.

Kent County Council provides £6,500 a year for the removal of graffiti from public buildings.

But at a recent meeting portfolio holder Jenny Samper said the figure was inadequate, and Canterbury was in talks with KCC to have the sum increased.

Opposition councillor Nick Eden Green said: "Some of the graffiti has been there for months. Where is the £6,500 being spent?"

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Pupils spread 'infection' to learn about bugs' life

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

AS THE world prepares for the biggest flu epidemic since 1968, a Canterbury school has organised an epidemic of its own in order to learn more about contagion.

The Darwin Society, a science club involving years 10 to 12 at the Archbishop's School, decided to involve the whole campus in a novel experiment after learning about disease at the Natural History museum.

Pupils are simulating the course of a fictitious 'virus', in this case the 'archie' virus, through the school.

The simulation was planned before the swine flu outbreak and Sue Tilstone, head of science at the Archbishop's School, said staff though carefully about whether to continue with the experiment.

She said: "This project is a fantastic opportunity for the whole school to learn about the spread of viruses and control measures.

"The children have been very interested in the project and it has opened up discussion and given us the chance to answer their questions about swine flu."

The 'infection' started on Tuesday, May 5, and every infected person can infect three people before they stop being contagious.

Like swine flu, infection depends on proximity, and different classes represent different countries so that pupils understand how disease spreads around the world.



UNDER THE MICROSCOPE Pupils' experiment simulates the course of a fictitious virus as it spreads through the school

On Friday, May 8, when the experiment ends, the school will be having a collection for the Red Cross.

According to health sources Kent is well-placed to tackle swine flu.

Dr M Chandrakumar, director of the Kent Health Protection Unit, said: "We have arranged tests for a number of cases in Kent. I am pleased to say all the results we have had so far are negative. We will continue to monitor the situation."

Authorities urge anyone who has recently visited Mexico and has flu symptoms to stay at home and call their GP. The Department of Health swine flu helpline is 0800 1 513 513.

So far there are nine confirmed deaths and 212 confirmed cases of swine flu, also known as influenza A and virus H1N1, in the world and nine confirmed cases in the UK.

According to the Health Protection Agency there are no confirmed cases in the South East, excluding London, at time of going to press.

MP in call to deport fraudster

MP Julian Brazier is pressing the Government to deport a Zimbabwean woman convicted of a £130,000 benefit fraud.

The MP has written to Immigration Minister, Phil Woolas MP, to seek assurances that fraudster Shingaradzo Mudyiwa will be sent back to Zimbabwe.

Ms Mudyiwa applied for indefinite leave to remain in October 2006, and the decision on her case is still outstanding.

Since then her son was given two ASBOs and she has squatted in a property while trying to claim money to set up a refuge for newly-released prisoners.

This cost the landlord more than £10,000. She was eventually evicted by court order.

In 2002 the Government agreed to stop deporting failed asylum-seekers to Zimbabwe after repeated warnings that they could be tortured or killed.

Mr Brazier said: "I first raised the case of Ms Mudyiwa in the form of a Parliamentary Question in March 2006.

"At that point, I simply asked whether Ms Mudyiwa would be deported following her release from prison."

In 2004 she was convicted for income support and housing benefit fraud of £130,000 over a 13-year period, and in a separate case she was convicted of attempting to defraud the Post Office of £12,000.

Deportations are now possible to Zimbabwe after the rules preventing it were relaxed in 2007.

Mr Brazier said: "It is very sad that this convicted criminal is still living in Kent and is still causing trouble."

DJ admits he touched girl on stomach

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Whitstable, admitted touching the girl during breathing exercises. He said he put his hand on her back and her stomach, but denied touching the girl under her pants.

The court heard a CD produced by Bethell of the girl singing a song she wrote herself. Bethell said the girl lost interest in recording after starting to like punk music.

He lined up an interview with KMFM six months after the recording was finished, but she wasn't interested.

Bethell denies two counts of indecent assault and one of taking indecent pictures of a nine-year-old girl.

The pictures of the nine-year-old were taken when Bethell was pitching for voiceover work for an anti-verticula cream.

He didn't get the contract, but put the picture on a demo compact disc he made for the company. The CD was produced in court.

Bethell told police he did not know the name of the girl. But under questioning by his lawyer, Annabelle Darlow, he remembered.

The father of two said he was a "huggy" sort of person who touched and kissed visitors.

He said: "I never should have taken those pictures."

Fair trade shop in call to volunteers

A FAIR trade shop has been opened to raise money for the Canterbury-based Build A School charity, which constructs classrooms in some of the world's most deprived areas.

Supported by celebrities such as Theo Walcott, the charity has gone from strength to strength after being set up two years ago by ex-journalist and teacher Luke Dolby.

Mr Dolby hopes the new shop – Jambo Hut on Burgate – will help the organisation expand further.

The shop also has offices above it which will act as the charity's new base; now Build A School is looking for volunteers to work at the new premises.

Mr Dolby said: "We are looking for people with skills from admin, finance, web design, publicity and retail skills to help us improve the fair trade shop."

Mr Dolby started the charity after becoming dissatisfied with the way aid money was spent in the aftermath of the 2004 Tsunami.

He said: "I was filming in India after the Tsunami in 2004 and I saw the how the vast amounts of aid money that had been raised were being misspent.

"It was either not getting to the right people or when it was it wasn't being spent in the right way.



CLASS ACT: Arsenal striker Theo Walcott (left) with Build A School chief Luke Dolby

"There were a lot of people driving around in shiny four by fours, but not many schools being rebuilt.

"I film everything our charity does over in Malawi, so the work of Build A School is completely transparent.

"We have just built four classrooms in the most overcrowded school in the country, and we have also just built a charity office in Lilongwe, and bought a 4x4 vehicle to allow our team to support our future projects."

• Anyone interested to support Build A School as a volunteer in the fair trade shop or in the main office can call Luke Dolby 01227 456400 or 07976 070717.



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Lotto winner misses out on £1.5m jackpot prize

THE Champagne won't be on ice for one Lotto winner who let a £1.5 million jackpot slip through their fingers.

Bosses at Camelot had appealed for the owner of the ticket – bought in an unnamed outlet in Swale – to come forward, but the six-month deadline to claim the prize has now elapsed, meaning the cash will go to the Lotto's good causes fund.

The winning numbers were 18, 19, 25, 30, 33 and 43 back in November last year.

Ram-raider jailed after DNA found on stolen car

A RAM-raider who targeted cash machines at three village shops in one night has been jailed for six years.

Nelson Hilden, of Gallants Lane, East Farleigh, was arrested in December last year after forensic teams found his DNA on a smashed windscreen of a stolen four-wheel drive vehicle.

The vehicle was one of two used by Hilden and others in ram-raids in Lyminge, Wye and Lenham, on December 12.

Orchid collector tells of his months in captivity

INTREPID orchid hunter Tom Hart Dyke will be speaking at the Gullbenkian Theatre in Canterbury this Friday.

Hart Dyke will be speak about his adventures around the world collecting plants, which included a nine-month spell in captivity at the hands of Colombian guerrillas.

He will also talk about creating the gardens at his family home, Lullingstone Castle, during the talk at 7.30pm on Friday, May 8. Admission is £10.

Report over Icelandic bank cash to be changed

A REPORT accusing Kent County Council of "negligently" investing taxpayers' money in Icelandic banks is to be reworded.

KCC had threatened to sue the Audit Commission for the use of the word in its Risk and Return document, which investigated multi-million deposits by local authorities in Icelandic banks which were lost.

But chief executive Peter Gilroy revealed during the last full council meeting that the document would be amended.

Showbiz life at heart of Paul's book

■ BY NICK AMES

PANTO director Paul Hendy, responsible for many of the county's most successful shows, has raided his showbiz background to find material for his latest novel.

Hendy's celebrity pals have praised his second novel, *Who Killed Simon Peters?*, a black comedy whodunnit concerning the death of a backstabbing celebrity.

TV personality Christopher Biggins described it as a "hysterical, rip-roaring yarn" while ex-EastEnders Shaun Williamson said it was "a laugh a page and then some".

The story concerns the title character's rise from C-list obscurity to A-list superstardom, before Peters, described as "deluded, self-obsessed and with an ego the size of Coventry" is found dead in suspicious circumstances.

Mr Hendy's first book features the same character. He said: "My earlier work was *Diary of a C-List Celeb*. At the time I was working as a TV presenter and I drew on a lot of the experiences I heard about – not necessarily my own but those of others I met up with.

"Now the character has clawed his way up to

the A list, but has upset so many people with his rampant ego that suspects are hardly thin on the ground when it comes to his death.

"The story also looks at the way the whole celebrity culture has taken off. I mean look at Susan Boyle of Britain's Got Talent. A few weeks ago no-one had heard of her. Now she is never out of the papers."

Former BBC Blue Peter presenter Peter Duncan added: "I had to read the book to make sure I got a mention – very funny though."

Other celebrities have jokingly complained they are not mentioned in Mr Hendy's work.

Singer and reality TV star Toyah Wilcox called the book "brilliantly funny", but added: "Why isn't it about me? I think he should have called it *Who killed Toyah Wilcox?*"

Mr Hendy, of Eastry, near Sandwich, has directed pantomimes at Canterbury's Marlowe Theatre and Chatham's Central Theatre.

He has also hosted TV shows such as *Don't Try This At Home* and *Wheel of Fortune* – which had run for 20 years until he took it over but it was cancelled after one series.



WRITE IDEA: Paul Hendy has drawn upon his life in showbusiness as research for his latest novel, *Who Killed Simon Peters?*



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Swine flu fears caught on students' video



MEDIA students made a YouTube video quizzing people on their knowledge of swine flu – and were surprised at the level of panic the deadly virus is already causing.

Those involved in the project at Canterbury Christ Church University spoke to students at the Canterbury campus to test how much they knew about the epidemic.

One student said: "I'm concerned that it might actually come in the UK and affect a lot of people and I don't know how prepared the health services are to deal with it."

During the two-minute clip, one campus worker told students: "I'm due to fly to Australia in June so I have got a very long flight – about 20 hours – through Dubai. I'm a little bit concerned about being on a plane, potentially with people with swine flu."

Another student told the group filming that every student had been sent an email from university bosses warning them to stay at home if they suffered flu-like symptoms.

The students' video is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4cUlfwnWHU



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100 years of history filled Isle's skies



BY NICK AMES

A SPECTACULAR fly-past in the skies above the Isle of Sheppey marked the centenary of aviation in the Royal Navy, which purchased its first airship in 1909.

Large crowds took advantage of the sunny weather on Friday to watch the breath-taking display put on by aircraft from the Fleet Air Arm.

The anniversary was also commemorated at Eastchurch, where the first four Royal Navy pilots learned to fly in 1911.

Commander Sue Eagles said: "The historical importance of Eastchurch in the early development of Naval aviation is immense."

The fly-past included Harrier GR7 and GR9 jets, Hawk and Falcon aircraft, and a historic Sea Vixen.

Cmdr Eagles said: "Not only were the first four Naval pilots trained at Eastchurch, but the first Naval aircraft were also built there. "Sheppey was the cradle of aviation in this country. The budding Naval aviators found themselves immersed in the wealth of pioneering aeronautical technology and endeavour being built up there."

In 1911, Eastchurch became the first Royal Naval Air Station. In January of the following year, one of the first four Navy pilots took a Shorts aircraft from Eastchurch to Sheerness, flying it from a rudimentary plat-

form on the forward turret of a cruiser, HMS Africa, which was at anchor.

This was the first time an aircraft had taken-off from a ship in Britain.

In May, 1912, the same pilot and aircraft, Lt Charles Samson flying an S.38, took off from a similar platform on another cruiser, HMS Hibernia, while the ship made 15 knots.

The Short brothers moved to Rochester in 1913, but the association with the Navy led to their development of seaplanes and, in turn, flying boats for which the company became famous.

Aircraft designer Richard Fairey began his aviation industry career at Eastchurch in 1911, initially with the Blair Atholl Syndicate and then Shorts in 1913, before setting up his own company in 1915.

Iconic

The Fairey Swordfish remains the iconic Navy aircraft by virtue of its achievements in the Second World War such as attacking German battleships despite its slow speed and light armament.

The Sheppey links survive with Shorts' last aircraft, the Tucano, serving currently as a pilot trainer for the Navy.

With today's Fleet Air Arm largely a rotary-winged force, its helicopters are products of what is now the Agusta Westland Company. The first aircraft built by Westland were twelve Short 184 seaplanes for the Admiralty in 1915.

Fly Navy 100 is the programme of events this year marking the Royal Navy's aviation centenary, the service having placed a contract for its first airship in 1909.

Friday's events also saw a service at the Pioneer Memorial in Eastchurch which was attended by current and former serving members of the Fleet Air Arm, veterans, guests, and residents.

Guest of honour was Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo KCB, Vice Chief of Naval Staff between 1975 and 1978, who took the salute with Rear Admiral Simon Charlier, Chief of Staff Aviation and Rear Admiral Fleet Air Arm, as the fly-past soared overhead.

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CHILDREN from across the county will benefit from thousands of pounds generously donated by KOS Media's army of readers.

The Kent Kids for Christmas appeal allowed people to purchase our sister paper Kent on Sunday for 60p over the festive period, with the profits handed over to charities that help youngsters who face disadvantages such as disabilities and homelessness.

The charities that will benefit from your money this year are Demelza Hospice Care for Children, Martha Trust, the Kentish Retts Angels and The Molly Bubb Fund.

Cash is also being donated to Invicta FM's Help a Kent Child campaign.

The Molly Bubb Fund was



set up following the death last year of four-year-old Molly from Canterbury, who was struck with a rare form of brain cancer called choroid plexus carcinoma.

Her mother Kerry said the £500 donation will go towards researching and raising awareness of the illness so other families do not have to go through what theirs did.

A further £500 has gone to

the Kentish Retts Angels, which is a support group for parents of Rett syndrome sufferers.

Martha Trust provides a home for life for people with profound physical and learning difficulties, and has a residential home and day centre in Deal.

Fundraiser Serita Boxall said of the £1,000 donation: "It's a lot of money and will be a huge help. It's really kind of your readers to have donated in this way."

Demelza House children's hospice will also be receiving £1,000 while £5,000 is being given to Invicta FM's Help a Kent Child Campaign, from which several charities will be hoping to receive a share of the total amount raised.

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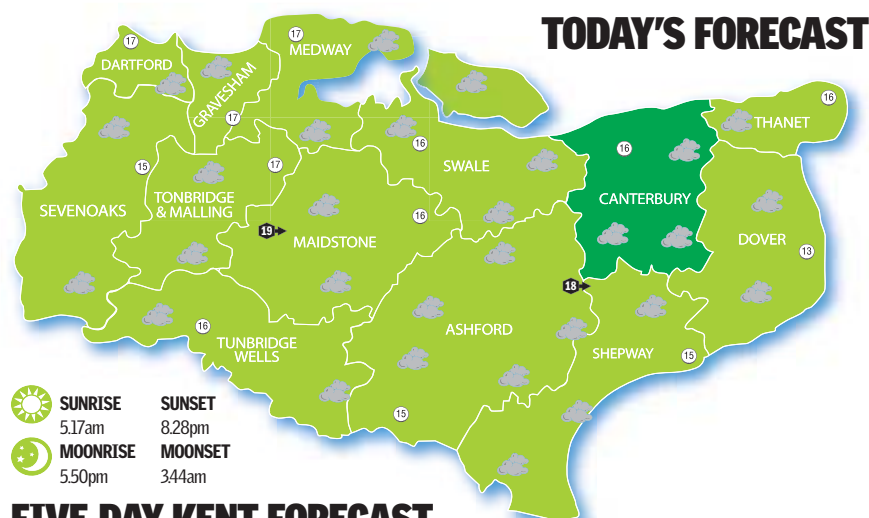
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WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	1:46pm	5.9m
	Sunday	2:22pm	5.9m
Dover	Saturday	12:03pm	6.4m
	Sunday	12:41pm	6.4m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:00pm	7.4m
	Sunday	12:36pm	7.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:33pm	4.8m
	Sunday	1:11pm	4.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:36pm	5.6m
	Sunday	2:12pm	5.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	1:51pm	5.1m
	Sunday	2:25pm	5.0m



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Gibraltar	19°C	Vancouver	14°C
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Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	14°C



GREETING DAWN: The Dead Horse Morris celebrate May Day with a traditional ceremony

Summer welcomed by Morris dancers

THE Dead Horse Morris were joined by The Sheriff of Canterbury last Friday at the annual dawn rising ceremony on May 1.

The Whitstable side dance every May 1 as the sun rises over Whitstable beach to celebrate the beginning of summer in a traditional ceremony that includes dancing and singing with a Jack in the Green.

This year the Sheriff of Canterbury Charlotte MacCaul joined spectators at the festivities at 5am.

Captain of Dead Horse Morris Les Hoad said: "These celebrations are an important part of the Morris year. We are honoured that the Sheriff of Canterbury was able to join us."

After the dawn rising ceremony, the dancers visited several Whitstable schools.

Mr Hoad said: "We start dancing as the sun rises and continue all day, visiting schools to introduce them to English traditions."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

TONY DONEGAN



Q Tell us a little bit about yourself.

A I have lived in Kent for most of my life, as has my family, including my two daughters, Toni and Amber.

I haven't seen much interest in music from my daughters – only from dancing in front of the mirror – whereas I have had an interest in music since I started playing the drums at school. I also play the guitar and banjo.

Q What projects do you have in the pipeline?

A I have always been in a band of some sort and got involved in the Lonnie D Show some time ago.

I have enjoyed music as a sideline, but I intend to launch my own band this year and take it on the road as my girls are older now and the time is right.

Due to the recent successful sell-out concerts in Westgate and Birchington – and others in Kent – we intend to continue increasing bookings due to popular demand. We have a show coming up at the King's Hall in Herne Bay on July 17.

Q How often do you play in the east Kent area?

A Thanet is my home and a lot of our rehearsals and run-throughs find their way into the Thanet pubs and clubs, so quite often.

Q What kind of music do you play?

A Anything with only three chords – my other band play all sorts of covers, from Pink Floyd, Dire Straits and Eric Clapton to The Eagles, the Dooby Brothers, Steely Dan and even some Bob Marley.

Q Do you think you would have been drawn to music so much if it wasn't for your father?

A I think not! It was drums that first interested me and I would not have had that interest from listening to music – it was the close-up backstage moments that sparked my interest in them. Watching concerts from the wings is what did it.

Q Do you ever feel you are living in your father's shadow?

A There have been moments, I must say, although the introduction of Donegan songs into my band was a slow process brought about by popular demand.

When dad died, The Lonnie D Show showcased itself during a tribute concert at the Royal Albert Hall, where I was catapulted to the front of the stage with dad's band behind me and his fans in front.

The Lonnie D Show toured throughout 2004 and 2005, playing many venues that not so long before I had seen dad perform at. This was a very twilight zone experience and, to be honest, a bittersweet one.

Q What is your best memory of your dad?

A That's a hard one. Musically speaking, I would have to say his performance when he played at the Glastonbury Festival. He produced an exceptionally good sound – they were a lively crowd and he gave a slick and consistent performance.

He had done a few concerts on the tour already and although many of them had been great, I think this was the concert in the tour that had it all. Perhaps it was the Glastonbury magic but I am sure dad would agree.

Q Who are your heroes and inspirations?

A Like most boys, their own father, so to me mine was my hero – and especially after he was awarded the MBE in 2000. He is now also my inspiration to produce music that brings pleasure and memories to all those people who bought and listened to his skiffle music.

Q What do you like about Kent and what keeps you here?

A Thanet has always been my home and, no matter where you go in life, home is home. I have no desire to pack my bags and leave Thanet, at least not at the moment. My family are here. That aside, I think Thanet has a lot of potential despite its employment problems. Kent is the Garden of England and Thanet is as beautiful as any other area of Kent.

Q & A

The 40-year-old son of King of Skiffle Lonnie Donegan and an established performer in his own right, spoke to Tom Betts about his life in Kent, following in his father's musical footsteps and what makes him tick

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Scrap Dartford tolls and let people breathe easy

EXCLUSIVE

BY EMILY HALL

THE Dartford Crossing toll could be suspended after a report found pollution from queuing traffic may be sending people to an early grave.

Councillors have called on the Government to act immediately after a Dartford council working group linked smog from queuing traffic to higher than average levels of lung and heart disease in the area.

Council leader Jeremy Kite has demanded action from the Department for Transport after the report found life expectancy in Dartford was a full year lower than in other areas of Kent.

He has now formally asked the Government to temporarily suspend the £1.50 peak time charge to see if free-flowing traffic reduces the level of dangerous fumes.

"We are asking the Government to realise that at some point they will have to put people's health before making money," he said.

"If people living next to a nuclear power station all fell ill it would be a national scandal, but for some reason the Government seems to think that because a road network is causing our health problems it is something they can ignore.

"For the people here it is a living nightmare. What we have seen is a series of appalling decisions that have increased congestion."

The Dartford Crossing is used by about 150,000 vehicles a day. It is the fourth most congested stretch of road in the UK, making



UNDER A CLOUD: Air pollution near the Dartford Crossing is damaging people's health, local councillors say

it a pollution hotspot.

Councillors formed a working group after NHS figures revealed there was a higher level of emergency hospital admissions for heart and lung problems – including childhood asthma – in those routinely exposed to the choked-up crossing.

The report said: "With the exception of Bean Interchange, all of the other air management areas are in areas with higher concentrations of health problems.

"It is clear that while the actions taken by the borough council will mitigate some of the problems, the likely increase in traffic within the road system and crossing will continue to have a major effect."

A DoT spokesman said they were looking at changes to tolls but would not say whether a suspension was a possibility.

He added: "Studies indicate that without any charge traffic levels would be even higher, leading to even more congestion and seriously worsening pollution.

"After publication of the Dartford Crossing capacity study [in April] we said we would carry out further work to consider whether improving the layout of the toll plazas or applying one-way tolling on the crossing could deliver improvements to the flow of traffic in the short term."

• What do you think? Email your comments to editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

The countdown to Invicta's new change of Heart

COMMERICAL radio station Invicta FM has confirmed the date on which it will undergo the biggest change in its 25-year history.

On June 22 it will ditch the Invicta name it has used since its inception in 1984 and become Heart.

The name change, first revealed last year, is part of a strategy by Invicta's owners to enhance its appeal to advertisers and link in with the national Heart network.

Invicta chiefs say listeners will benefit from a boost in production standards and access to bigger stars than ever before.

Critics, however, say the move continues to erode the station's Kent roots and further put at risk programmes produced at Invicta's studios in Whitstable.

While key shows, such as breakfast with James Heming and Gemma Shepherd and the drivetime slot with Neil Kefford will remain, much of the daytime and weekend schedules will be networked shows with the likes of former Neighbours star Jason Donovan and TV presenter Toby Anstis.

Quality

Invicta FM managing director Neil Webster insists the move will only bring positives.

He said: "We are delivering a high quality national product, but delivering it locally.

"From the listeners' point of view, they will get largely the same but lots more investment in things like on-air production – it will sound slicker – the music will be much the same as it is now."

The station says it is in negotiations with a host of events – including the Sugababes and James Morrison shows at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury next month – to use as high-profile platforms to promote the name change.

And 'Heart Angels' will be taking to the streets to spread the word, as well as an extensive television and advertising campaign in the week of the change.



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Savouring spring's flavours

He's one of the rising stars on the celebrity chef scene, close friends with Hell's Kitchen's Marco Pierre White – for whom he worked as head chef for years – and has already come out in support of our Buy Local Produce campaign. Now **Richard Phillips**, who grew up in Rainham and lives near Maidstone, writes for KOS Media in the first of a series of regular features, supporting our campaign and our website, www.foodforkent.co.uk



OVER the past few years there has been a distinct rise in the quality and availability of top-class homegrown vegetables, meat, fish and fruit.

Farmers have raised their game in the face of stiff competition and pressure from supermarket chains. For me, running three restaurants in Kent, it is vital that I receive the best food and it's great to know that I can support local farmers and the local economy by buying local produce.

It's not just about buying local for the sake of it though. I need the best quality in my restaurants because that is what customers expect and, to be honest, I would not work with anything less.

Locality is only a part of the equation though. The best, tastiest food is that which is being grown right now. Seasonality is the key to not only eating the best, but also diversifying our menus and diets.

By eating food out of season, you are diminishing the experience. With spring well and truly here, now is the time when we are going to be seeing the very best produce,

meats and fish. Spring is one of the county's most colourful seasons, bringing richness in variety, taste and availability.

It's a time when we should be making the most of new season fruit, vegetables, meats and fish. The good thing about making the most of the plentiful availability of new season produce is that prices are also keener – you'll notice this reflected at the till.

Seasonality and making meals from food in plentiful supply has, due to the advent of supermarkets stocking their shelves with processed food, become something of a lost way of eating.

The impact this has had on local farming has meant we often sacrifice freshness and taste for accessibility.

Convenience is one thing, but when items which we can grow seasonally – and often better and tastier – are shipped half way around the world after being picked days and sometimes weeks before, we have to begin to question if it really is the best way.

This month, one of my favourite vegetables is in season and it is without doubt one of the most versatile and arguably best of English vegetables – asparagus.

The season doesn't last long, so let's make the most of this great vegetable that is grown all over Kent. When purchasing asparagus, go for the medium-sized stems as they have had enough time to take on the flavour, but not too much time to be tough.

Fresh asparagus can make the perfect accompaniment to any main course and works equally well with fresh fish or meat. The season also brings a fresh crop of new potatoes and in the next couple of weeks we have the arrival of spring lamb and Kentish crabs to look forward to.

The dish I have prepared this week is warm poached salmon, Kentish asparagus and warm new potato salad. This is a quick and easy dish to prepare but guaranteed to treat your taste buds to a range of subtle and strong flavours, making the most of our local produce.

All of the ingredients used in the recipe are available from the foodforkent.co.uk website.

Richard Phillips

RICHARD'S RECIPE

150g piece of Fresh Salmon Fillet (bones removed, skin left on)

Cooking liquor for the salmon
500ml water, 100ml Tenterden Chapel Down white wine, half a lemon juiced, 5 peppercorns, 8 parsley stalks

4 Kentish asparagus spears (peeled and cooked, in boiling salted water)
5 medium sized Jersey new potatoes
Teaspoon chopped chives, fine
Teaspoon chopped shallots, fine
50g rocket salad (washed)
5 yellow cherry tomatoes (cut in to halves)
10 green beans, Cooked in boiling water

Vinaigrette

150ml of olive oil
50ml of white wine vinegar
25ml luke warm water
Teaspoon of honey
Teaspoon grain mustard

Place the mustard and honey into a bowl, then whisk in the vinegar, then slowly add the olive oil, then finely add the water, season with salt and pepper



• Bring to the boil the cooking liquor for the salmon. Place the salmon into the liquid and turn off the heat, leave to stand for 4-5min. Remove from the cooking liquid, remove skin and flake into nice chunky pieces.

• Slice the cooked potatoes and mix with the chopped chives, shallots and a few drops of dressing (see recipe) season with salt and pepper, cover with cling film and keep warm. Mix the rocket leaves with the dressing just before serving

• Place the warm potatoes into the centre of the plate, then place the green beans and tomatoes on top then the rocket leaves, then the warm flaked salmon, arrange the asparagus spears around and drizzle with the grain mustard and honey dressing. Enjoy!



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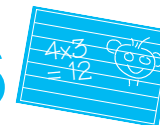
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BREAK TIME

Pupils' foul message to local dog owners

THE increasing amount of dog poo in Chilham has prompted pupils to mount a poster campaign to persuade villagers to bag it and bin it.

Children from St Mary's Church of England Primary School have been designing posters to get dog owners to clean up after their pets.

The three best ideas, created by Molly Ralph, 9, George Davison, 8, and Lauren Law, 8, have been laminated and will be posted around the village. Winner Molly said: "People who don't clean up after their dogs should be ashamed of themselves – it's disgusting to just leave it."

The posters will go up next week, and pupils are looking forward to seeing their designs around the village.

Uni concert is in musician's memory

A CONCERT in memory of a former student's daughter is being held tonight at Christ Church University.

The concert is held annually as a tribute to singer Larissa Lovelock, and features performances by students currently attending the university.

Musicians at this year's concert include Sam Palacios, recent winner of the Larissa Lovelock memorial scholarship. He will perform alongside pianist Benjamin Rause, harpist Alex rider and soprano Sarah Hale.

The free concert takes place at the university's centre for music at St Gregory's, North Holmes Road. It starts at 1pm.



IN THE HOOP: Canterbury High School already has five sixth-form sporting academies in athletics, rugby, tennis, football and basketball with hopes to extend the system

School steps up game with pioneering sports initiative

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

SPORTS education could soon be taught in a completely different way thanks to a pioneering initiative from Canterbury High School.

Parents expect children to have a consistent academic education from when they start school to when they end university. Soon children will be able to learn about sport in the same way.

Canterbury High School already has five sixth-form sporting academies in athletics, rugby, tennis, football and basketball.

In September it hopes to extend this system so there are also intermediate and junior sporting academies available for pupils at Canterbury High and Beauherne Primary school from the ages of seven through to sixth form.

The school already has close ties with Canterbury Christ Church University so pupils who pass sports courses from the High School can continue at the university.

This means that a child could be spotted at seven and have their talent developed throughout school, to university and beyond.

Children selected for these special academies have a personalised timetable allowing them to miss some lessons for training and sporting events.

They have the chance to catch up as teachers and school facilities are available outside normal lessons.

Jon Watson, assistant headteacher at

Canterbury High, said: "Their education is absolutely paramount. The message we need to get across is that we will support them."

"You could probably speak to tens of thousands of youngsters who had a real talent when they were at school and didn't quite get the balance right. That's where the academy set-up has come in to play, where students can balance progress in their sporting potential with their studies."

The school has already had a lot of sporting success. The academies have already produced several professional international athletes and an Olympian.

Mr Watson said: "So far it's worked fantastically. The academic results are fantastic. The amount of university applications goes up every year. The A-level grades go up every year."

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But even when people may be having visions of a population stricken with swine flu sinking beneath a global-warming-induced flood as bailiffs repossess our cars, there is always someone who will actively seek out more things to get worked up about.

For example, the latest set of figures from the Advertising Standards Agency reveals the adverts which attracted the most complaints over the last 12 months. Unfortunately, these were not complaints based on an advert's like-

lihood to annoy. Ocean Finance is safe for the moment, as are Barry Scott and the infuriating person who penned the theme for Sheila's Wheels, who deserves some kind of Clockwork Orange-style re-education programme.

No, these were genuine complaints, the dull sort contained in letters which begin: 'Dear Sir...' These are the 'genuinely offended', or at least the people who feel they should be offended by something because someone else may be offended.

This is a modern phenomenon; vicarious offence when the letter writer has failed to be offended enough themselves, so chooses to experience offence on behalf of other people.

It's easy to spot; just look for the phrase 'because X might offend Y'. 'Might' not 'has', because really the vicarious offeree has no idea whether Y will be offended by X at all.

While most of the moaning about these second-hand moral transgressions is the pastime of prudes and the excessively politically correct, it can also be an excuse for failing to

confront or acknowledge important issues. Claiming offence is a coward's way of closing down debate on an uncomfortable subject, a favoured tool of extremists or others with an agenda to promote. Worse still is claiming to be offended by unpleasant truths, simply as a means of pretending they don't exist.

The advert that garnered the most complaints was made on behalf of children's charity Barnardo's, showing scenes of children being physically and emotionally abused.

The writers told the Advertising Standards Agency they were "concerned about the scenes" which included beatings and drug abuse. If these people were genuinely concerned, wouldn't it have made more sense to send a letter to Barnardo's?

Maybe even one with a cheque in it?

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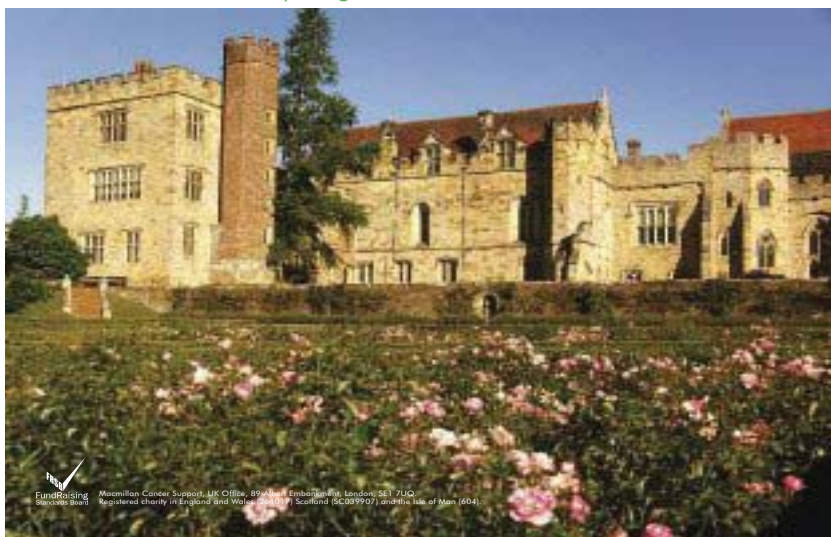
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A Golden line-up at Lounge on the Farm



ON THE LIST: Golden Silvers will be at the festival

INFECTIOUSLY-catchy hitmakers Golden Silvers are among the latest batch of bands and artists to be added to the Lounge on the Farm line-up.

The London trio – behind the three-minute piece of pop perfection that is True Romance – will play the Canterbury three-day event alongside the likes of Casiokids, Son Of Dave, A Hawk And A Hacksaw and Josh Weller.

Two Kent favourites have also been con-

BY SIMON ROBINSON

firmed for Lounge 2009 – with punk upstarts Underground Heroes and the joyous Kid Harpoon set to take to the Farm.

Organisers behind the Merton Farm festival, now in its fourth year, said there were more top acts to be announced.

LOTF's Matt Gough said: "We're really happy with the line-up this year.

"As ever we've been picking off the bands we've been listening to the most so it's very

much representative of our current tastes.

"And we'd like to think we have pretty good tastes. It's worked so far.

"We do have a Saturday headliner yet to announce but it's not quite confirmed yet."

Lounge on the Farm has quickly grown into one of the country's biggest little festivals, largely thanks to its focus on the experience rather than just the music.

The Farm offers a range of activities to keep the children entertained, food and drink sourced locally and a host of non-music performers.

Mr Gough added: "We're offering something completely different to a festival where everything is just about the headliners on the bill.

"There's such quality throughout our line-up we're quite happy without having to enter that particular rat race."

Lounge runs from Friday, July 10 to Sunday, July 12.

Last year's sell-out festival saw hundreds of top bands and artists perform across six stages, ranging from the Cow Shed to the Sheep Dip.

The line-up boasted the likes of Art Brut, The Coral, New York Dolls, Black Kids and Mystery Jets.

For more information visit www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.

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TALK TIME

JESSE SAZANT

The academies manager at Canterbury High School and director of the national Kent Crusaders basketball team, talks to Jenny Armstrong



What did you do before this?

I was a primary school teacher. I taught at quite a few different primary schools, so that's where the teaching side of it comes in. I've been the England under-16 assistant basketball coach and I've been the Kent Crusaders head coach in the past. I'm currently the Kent Crusaders director of basketball and oversee things with them.

Have the people you've coached done well?

Yes. The most talented player is called Ryan Richards, he played for Crusaders. He is only 17 years old now and he has already been in the Great Britain senior men's training squad. He is arguably the best player we've produced in England in the last 10 years.

What's the sport plan for Canterbury High?

The idea is that we're going to develop basketball-specific academies between years seven and 11 – key stage three academies and key stage four academies. I'm also interested in providing that pathway where we can let those players then feed in to the sixth-form academy. Then at Beauherne primary school there is going to be an academy that's not sport specific.

Will their academic abilities be nurtured?

With all these things academics work hand in hand with this. The sixth form kids come out with three or four A-levels. It's a top school – we are sixth in the country for value-added in a recent result that came out – so we are very confident we are providing a good all-round situation for them.

YOUR LETTERS

£2,000 trade-in 'could hit cheap car market'

SECONDHAND car dealers say the chancellor's plan to offer a £2,000 discount to people buying new cars could result in a shortage of cheap motoring. It is this kind of outrage that dealers say most buyers would be in. Mr. Brown said: "My understanding is they will be swapping the cars, which will do the trick, because a lot of good, but many people can only afford to spend one or two grand on a car at the moment, and this will mean there are few of them about."

Yet again budget steers towards rich

Thank you for highlighting yet another negative effect that the Chancellor's highly speculative budget will have with your story about the effect on the used car market.

It is easy to imagine a situation where people with £10,000 burning a hole in their pocket will buy up a £1,000 car and have it scrapped just to claim the £1,000 discount.

That £1,000 car could have been a first car for a new driver, or a weekly run around for a cash-strapped pensioner.

It's just another way for those with the cash to play the system and make themselves a little bit richer.

Edward Bellamy, Herne Bay

Old refugee rules should be in place

In the latest row over immigration it seems the French are yet



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again desperate to get rid of as many asylum seekers from outside Calais as they can by sending them over to us in Kent.

But what happened to the old rules which governed refugees?

It used to be that genuine people

in need were taken in and given shelter and protection.

Whether they were fleeing oppressive Governments, war or a natural disaster, Britain had a great tradition of accommodating them.

But now it seems that it's just anyone who wants to come here is let in.

Let's have the old rules back again and help those who really need it.

Peter Crompton, by email

Time to listen to us about the Gurkhas

Everyone seems to be allowed to stay in the UK but the Gurkhas – and that has to be wrong.

This Government seems to have to no feeling for the amount of public support these extremely respected men and women have among the British public.

The administration in Whitehall is always trying to make itself more popular – why not just accept that people want the requests of those who have served Britain for so many years to be taken on board?

It is the very least they can do in the way of thanks.

Vicky Mills, from Maidstone, by email

Finding an interest in Roman remains

I was interested to read about the discovery of a 16th Century home underneath the Marlowe Theatre site.

As an ancient city, Canterbury must be full of undiscovered old buildings and it is indeed an intriguing prospect to hear that more Roman remains may lie under the soon to be redeveloped Beane Institute.

I will await the summer's discoveries with interest!

Jeremy Wilkes, Canterbury

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National Doughnut Week is fast approaching and I would like to make a special appeal to your readers to support this annual charity event, which takes place from May 9 to 16 in aid of The Children's Trust.

Everyone deserves a treat from time to time and this fun campaign is a great way to share some delicious doughnuts with family, friends and work colleagues, and also raise some dough for charity.

All you need to do is to purchase doughnuts from participating bakers – wherever you see the National Doughnut Week posters displayed.

By doing so, you will be helping to make a real difference to some very special children.

Money raised by participating bakers and the public will benefit The Children's Trust, a national charity, which provides care, education and therapy for children with multiple disabilities and complex health needs, and rehabilitation services to children with an acquired brain injury.

Last year, National Doughnut Week's fundraising activities across the UK raised more than £30,000 and, with your support, we hope to beat this figure in 2009.

So bakers, if you haven't done so, please register now and get baking and all you lovely people get buying.

For ideas on how to get involved, plus celebrities' doughnut favourites, please visit: www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/doughnuts.

To make credit or debit card donations, please call 01737 365027.

Thank you – and don't forget to buy yourself a doughnut treat!

Ainsley Harriot, TV presenter and chef, on behalf of The Children's Trust, by email

Listen up, it's time to check your hearing

During Deaf Awareness Week, which runs until this Sunday, RNID is asking us all to look after our hearing health and take the charity's special hearing check.

People can take up to 15 years to acknowledge their hearing loss. RNID's message is simple – if you have hearing difficulties, dial 0844 800 3838 or visit www.rnid.org.uk/hearingmatters to check your hearing now so you can start taking steps to return to a fulfilling life.

RNID is The Co-operative charity of the year 2009 and as part of this partnership The Co-operative is supporting RNID's campaign to check the hearing of a million people.

During Deaf Awareness Week Co-operative Food stores will be fundraising and raising awareness about RNID's hearing checks.

RNID also wants to hear about



HEAR THIS: Actor Richard Wilson

the impact hearing loss has on people's everyday lives. Whatever your experiences – good or bad – please email your story, in confidence, to mediarelations@rnid.org.uk.

Richard Wilson OBE, actor, on behalf of RNID

Young carers, click into this competition

I have a family member who is affected by dementia so I know life can be difficult for those caring for a loved one. What I can't imagine is how much harder it is for the thousands of young people who take on this responsibility.

From my time in da Bungalow, I know that having the chance to cut loose and have fun is part of what being young is all about.

Sadly, many young people who are caring do not have the time to do so.

That's why I'm calling on all young carers to take a moment to escape from their daily routine and take part in Zoom! – a national photo competition for young carers.

Zoom! is open to any carer under the age of 18. You just need to enter a photo you have taken which reflects any aspect of your life for the chance to win one of ten great prizes. Entries must be submitted by May 14 and winners will be announced during Carers Week, June 8-14.

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Richard McCourt, Dick from Dick and Dom, by email

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HIS DARK MATERIALS

Wednesday, May 6 to Sunday,

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READERS all over the world have been captivated by Philip Pullman's epic fantasy series His Dark Materials.

The first of the award-winning trilogy, The Golden Compass, was turned into a Hollywood blockbuster in 2007 and now theatregoers can enjoy a lavish production of the story when it visits Kent this week.

The Churchill Theatre will be the only venue in the South East on the show's UK tour, so fans should not miss the chance to catch this major production.

In order to do justice to the sprawling story, the show is presented in two parts which can both be seen in one day, with time for a 'picnic break' between performances. Alternatively, there is an opportunity to see the two performances on separate evenings.

Set in worlds that are both familiar and unknown, His Dark Materials follows the thrilling adventures of young Lyra and her friend Will, a boy on the run.

When Lyra hears her uncle, Lord Asriel, arguing with religious authorities about the mysterious 'dust', she sets out to discover the truth. Her journey will take her to the Arctic and bring her into the company of the intriguing, but dangerous Mrs Coulter.

She meets fantastical creatures in parallel worlds, from the child-catching Gobblers to armoured polar bears. Although Lyra lives in an Oxford which looks much like our own, hers is a world in which people's souls are brought to life in the form of animals, or daemons.

Birmingham Repertory Theatre's artistic director Rachel Kavanaugh has worked with specialist puppet company Blind Summit Theatre to bring these magical creatures to life, while a company of 25 actors will bring Pullman's characters from the



Picture CATHERINE ASHMORE

FACING YOUR DAEMONS: Puppeteers bring the fantasy animals to life in the stage version of the award-winning His Dark Materials stories, which is coming to Bromley's Churchill Theatre

page to the stage. In part one, Lyra uncovers the secrets of the truth-telling alethiometer and learns that her fate is strangely linked with Will's.

Together they must find a magical knife which can take them to parallel worlds, but in part two Lyra is kidnapped. Will must help to free her before they can travel to the land of the dead and fight to decide the fate of Good and Evil.

His Dark Materials can be seen in its entirety on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Bring your own picnic or enjoy between shows. Part one will also be performed at 7pm tonight, followed by part two at 7pm on Friday.

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Saturday, May 9
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INDIE music gets a dance floor makeover at the hands of provocatively-named Canadian band, Holy F**k.

One of the foremost exponents of the dance/guitar music collision, the band is one of Canada's biggest exports and is still winning fans with its maverick approach. Tearing up the rulebook and letting their calculated electronic imaginations run wild, these musicians are a real 'must see' when they stop off in Canterbury on their short UK tour.

At the 2007 Glastonbury Festival, the band was credited with giving the best performance of the whole event – beating off competition from the Arctic Monkeys, Shirley Bassey and Iggy & The Stooges.

Local success story It Hugs Back will be providing sup-



port, fresh from the success of the band's debut album. The four-piece from west Kent released the album on 4AD Records and have received rave reviews for the

recording, along with their live performances.

Doors open at 8pm and tickets cost £9. For more information see www.thefarmhousecanterbury.co.uk.

BALLET CENTRAL

Thursday, May 7
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



SOME of the world's most talented young dancers perform the work of renowned choreographers at the Gulbenkian this week.

Ballet Central's repertoire offers dance fans the rare chance to see a unique programme of works by some of the most celebrated choreographers. The show is performed by graduate year students from the Central School of Ballet, so there is also the opportunity to see the next generation of dance stars taking shape.

The programme includes pieces by Richard Alston, David Bintley of the Birmingham Royal Ballet and the late Christopher



Picture: PATRICK BALDWIN

Gable, founder of the Central School of Ballet. Live musical accompaniment will be provided by Philip Feeney, musical director of Ballet Central.

Ballet Central has been a touring company for 24 years and has become a much anticipated part of the dance

calendar, acting as a showcase for new talent and providing many young dancers with a springboard into the profession.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £12/£10, call 01227 769075 or see www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

COPPELIA

Friday, May 8
Kings hall Thetre, Herne Bay



THE enchanting story of a couple in love and an eccentric toymaker is told in the classic ballet Coppelia.

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To show him the error of his ways, his fiancée dresses as the doll and pretends to come to life in a tale full of humour, triumph and love.

The traditional ballet offers a heart-warming story, glamorous costumes, gorgeous sets and some stunning performances by the dancers as they bring this magical story to life.

Vienna Festival Ballet has successfully performed classical ballets all over the world and this production will appeal to families and anyone who appreciates beautiful dance.

The performance starts at £17/£12. To book call the box office on 01227 373322. For more detail see www.kingscaterers.co.uk.



CANTERBURY LEISURE

There's still time to sign up to tread the boards

THE Marlowe Youth Theatre continues, even though the theatre has closed.

Places are available in the workshops, run by Wide-Eyed Theatre. Sessions for 10-13s are at St Peter's Methodist Church in St Peter's Street, at 6pm on Tuesdays, followed by a workshop for 14-16s at 7.30pm.

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THE live music continues at Deco 5 in Oxford Street, Whitstable, with another great programme for May.

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VISITORS are invited to admire the gardens at Chilham Castle, near Canterbury, next week.

The gardens will be opened to the public from 10am to 3pm on Tuesday. It is now open one day a month throughout the spring and summer.

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Jordan reveals its ancient secrets

BY KELLY MACNAMARA

WE are perched high above the valley in the magnificent Dana Nature Reserve, looking west across the vast Dana Valley towards the horizon where Jordan comes to an end.

Jordan's story is a complex one. Positioned at the crossroads of inter-continental trade routes, it has been an important conquest for many an ambitious empire. All the big hitters of the ancient world – Babylonians, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Persians and finally the British – ruled it at one time or another.

Today, Jordan is an oasis of calm in a region racked by bitter dispute. It is encircled by instability, with Iraq on its north-east border, Israel and the Palestinian territories to the west and Syria in the north.

Dana's wonderful Rummana Campsite on the 76,000-acre reserve is home to about 600 species of plants, 37 species of mammals and 190 species of birds, and is the perfect place to discover the wilder side of Jordan.

Arriving after a sumptuous lunch at the Dana Guesthouse, which included a mouth-watering selection of local cuisine and jaw-dropping views, I travelled with a small group to the campsite on a remote plateau with its cluster of sail-white tents surrounded by serene red mountains.

Our host is Saleh, a Bedouin whose eloquence is matched by his evident enchantment with the place where his family has lived for generations.

He takes me on a short hike rich with observations: which rock to climb for the best views; the onion-like plant favoured by local hedge-



OASIS OF CALM: The dramatic landscape of the Dana Valley in Jordan is revealed to visitors by Bedouin guides

hogs; a badger sett; the paw print of a lynx in the dust.

My next stop is another of Jordan's mysteries – the ancient city of Petra.

Built by the industrious Nabatean people, this legendary city deep inside a narrow desert gorge once dominated the trading routes of ancient Arabia, sheltering caravans laden with Indian spices and African ivory.

Walking through corridors of sheer rock torn open in a prehistoric earthquake, I am struck by the otherworldliness of the place.

A steep climb in the murderous heat is rewarded by the ethereal monastery, and a chilled drink at a mountain-top cafe.

My bed for the night awaits amid the whispering mountains of Wadi Rum, in south-west Jordan. This is Lawrence of Arabia country: rugged, silent and awe-inspiring.

After a few days' camping in Jordan's wild, arid interior, it is time to get my feet wet.

Heading south, I don a snorkel to explore the Red Sea coral reef and potter around this colourful underwater garden for an afternoon, before coming up for a fish lunch.

My final destination is water of a less hospitable kind. Circled by a glittering necklace of salt crystals, the Dead Sea is a cruel irony in a country with such water problems. Dense with salt, you cannot drink it or swim in it, and the only creatures able to live in it are two hardy species of bacteria.

Walking in, your legs are pushed from under you and you bob about like a cork.

Conflict may be more than a minor character in Jordan's grand narrative, but its warm, sanguine people and extraordinary landscape are the real story.

FACT FILE: JORDAN

Time difference	+ 2/3 hours (GMT)
Language	Arabic
Capital	Amman
Population	4.4 million
Religion	Majority Sunni Muslims
Currency	Dinar
Climate	Arid

Travel facts

Kelly Macnamara was a guest of the Jordan Tourism Board and flew direct to Amman from Heathrow with bmi, which costs from £494 return. Regional connections to London from Aberdeen, Glasgow and Manchester cost from about £80 return.

BMI reservations: 0870 6070 555 and www.flybmi.com

Tour operator Exodus offers a nine-day Jordan trip to Petra, Wadi Rum, Red Sea and Dead Sea from £599, land-only price.

Exodus reservations: 0845 863 9600 and www.exodus.co.uk

Jordan Tourism Board enquiries: 020 7371 6494 and www.visitjordan.com

You can book most camping spots, including Dana, through The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature website (www.rscn.org.jo).

Contact Mzied for details of Wadi Rum camping (www.mzied.com)

For more information about the Kempinski Ishtar, visit www.kempinski-deadsea.com



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Hollywood hunk loves his life as a family man

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

TURNING 40 is reason enough for many people to have a mini mid-life crisis.

But Matthew McConaughey, who celebrates the big 4-0 this November, isn't too worried.

In fact, this laidback Hollywood hunk is pretty pleased with the way life is going, especially being a dad to nine-month-old Levi, his son with Brazilian model Camila Alves.

"I look at it as like they're new chapters," he says. "Finding a woman I want to settle down with was a new chapter; having Levi – a new chapter, same book."

McConaughey's real life is a far cry from his latest character in new comedy *Ghosts Of Girlfriends Past*.

He plays womanising celebrity photographer Connor, who thinks nothing of breaking up with multiple women on a conference call while arranging his next date.

"Connor is really not out to hurt anyone, he just wants to have a good time," says the actor. "But he's also a guy who has lost his way and doesn't know it."

Connor's romantic scepticism proves to be a bit of a downer on the eve of his brother Paul's wedding and doesn't impress his houseful of guests, including his childhood friend Jenny (Jennifer Garner), who has no patience with Connor's philandering ways.

But that night Connor is visited by the ghost of his late Uncle Wayne (Michael Douglas), who shows Connor where he's going wrong by taking him through a revealing past, present and future odyssey of failed relationships.

"The ghosts were a big unrealistic thing, but that's just one of the things that made this one original," says the star, who is well known for



LAIID BACK: Leading man Matthew McConaughey

his roles in rom-coms like *Fool's Gold* and *Failure To Launch*.

McConaughey admits he isn't too bothered about tying the knot with Camila.

"Am I getting married in the future? Not today," he says. "I don't have any plans for it."

With several movies under his belt and a sex symbol image to boot, he has had to get used

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to increased interest in his personal life, especially since baby Levi came along.

"I personally don't choose to retreat or hide out," he says. "I didn't know what the hell stardom was about and didn't expect it," he adds. "I like how it's going. I'm happy."

Things may have changed for the actor in the past 20 years, but he says Levi's arrival hasn't altered his way of life.

He seems pleased to be able to incorporate Levi into his often-nomadic lifestyle.

"We've been to Brazil twice, Italy and France and Germany. And we've gone 7,300 miles on a road-trip in the Airstream (caravan) for 42 days, so we've had a lot of the same adventures we would have had before Levi came along, we've just brought him along with us."

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE BIG BANG THEORY Channel 4, 9.30pm, Thursday

I STUMBLED upon The Big Bang Theory about a year ago, after Channel 4 started screening it on Thursday nights.

Shamlessly under-promoted, this remains one of the better comedy shows out there, and has gathered a real cult following in the States.

Centring on the lives of two college super-brained, flat-sharing geeks, with IQs that make Carol Vorderman look like a village idiot, the pair get into the usual sitcom scrapes.

They juggle their love lives, Klingon Boggle marathons and trying to impress the super hot girl next door, Penny, a waitress with one eye on Hollywood and the other on Leonard, the show's principal lead.

Very much a foil to move the story along, Penny takes the geeks where no geeks have gone before.

It's Jim Parsons' portrayal of the spiky and prodigious Dr Sheldon Cooper that steals the show, though.

Neurotic, exacting to a fault, and with the kind of waspish nature that is often so bizarre it borders on psychotic, it is the kind of turn that steals almost every show – that would steal any show – and should net the actor a gong or two come the next award season.

Even more remarkable is the fact he is actually aged 36 and not once looks out of place playing the role of the physicist still in his early 20s.

Thrown into the mix to keep things interesting are two more oddballs.

There is the sex-obsessed and Jewish mother dominated Howard Woolowitz, who is never one to side-step sleazing his way into any female's affections and Rajesh Koothrappali, the shy one who cannot utter a word



BIG BANG: Jim Parsons is simply excellent in his portrayal of uber geek Dr Sheldon Cooper

to any woman he finds attractive.

I can't say this is a total blinder, and the canned laughter can be a little hard to put up with, but TBBT is certainly as good as any other light comedy coming out of America right now.

It's short, snappily written and improving all the time.

It's hard to see that this is going to appeal to anyone who is not into sarcastic fast-moving sitcoms but those who like that sort of thing will most likely appreciate this.

It also has the best theme tune on TV, sung by Barenaked Ladies, a band born to perform such a thing if ever there was.

Perhaps it is the geek, and not the meek, who shall inherit the Earth.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
YOUR conscience is really starting to bother you. Maybe it's time to explain to a colleague where you went wrong. Of course, your relationship will undergo tremendous strain as a result, but at least you'll be giving them a chance to heal. Your financial picture is looking good.
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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
ARGUMENTS over politics and religion could tear a relationship apart. Avoid such subjects like the plague. If you're in love with someone whose beliefs are radically different, the two of you may have to get counselling. You can no longer avoid the elephant in the room.
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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
HORRIBLE work or living conditions prompt you to make a change. It may be necessary to move to an unfamiliar area. Although you hate being uprooted like this, it's better than stewing in your own juices. A pay raise or lucrative job could finally be awarded to you.
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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
ABUSIVE behaviour can no longer be tolerated. You've got a high threshold for this kind of nonsense, but enough is enough. When you face up to this tormentor, they'll back down. If you have to resort to underhanded behaviour to make your point, do it; just don't get caught!
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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
PEER pressure is rearing its ugly head. It looks as though you'll have to break ranks, if only as a way to cut costs. There's no point in going to restaurants or clubs you can't afford. If friends can't understand find more supportive companions. On the romantic front, you're making progress.
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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
A HANG up could be undermining an intimate relationship. One or both of you needs to come to terms with this problem. Don't be afraid to get help. A costly home improvement project could finally be finished, and the results are impressive and add value to your living space.
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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
A LOVE affair is heading for the rocks. Although it's fun delving into taboo areas, you need to consider how your actions are affecting innocent people. It's also possible you're developing an addiction to the person in question. Put some space between the two of you, if only short term.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
COMPROMISING your values for the sake of fitting in is a big mistake. No matter how much you think you want a job, relationship or fame, walk away. Healthier options are on the horizon. For now, obey your conscience. An authority figure could reward your noble choice.
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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
POWER struggles are likely with an overbearing boss. No amount of flattery will help you get around them. You're better off following their orders and let the chips fall where they may. Avoid buying any gadgets, as you'll just have to return them later. Faulty equipment abounds.
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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
A CONTROLLING friend, workmate or lover is getting on your nerves, assert yourself, before the entire relationship goes south. Continuing to give in to their demands is undermining your self esteem. Don't reveal somebody's secret, or you'll pay a hefty price for your indiscretion.
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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
CONDITIONS at home have become unbearable. Your family is pressuring you to adopt values that make no sense for your lifestyle. It's more important to satisfy yourself than fit in. If that means suspending communications with certain relatives, so be it. Patience will be rewarded.
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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
YOUR overbearing behaviour is starting to chafe on family members. As much as you hate to admit it, you cannot save people from themselves. If somebody decides to take a dangerous path, get out of their way. If you're dealing with a youngster, try to see things from their view.
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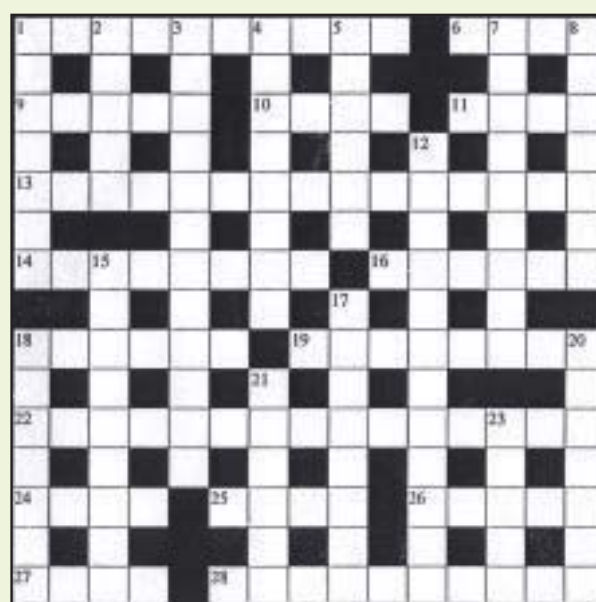
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DOWN

- 1 Clerical overhead? (7)
2 In a terrific hurry to get a cape (5)
3 Bringing out for at least the second time (12)
4 Hurried, say, on a road to refuge (8)
5 Open end of tube (6)
7 Strained one French note (9)
8 Did include square revolutionary who had been abandoned (7)
12 Thin bird, one getting into the water with nothing on (6-6)
15 Space allowed for removal of obstructions (9)
17 Long-jumper, not MP, becoming itinerant minstrel (8)
18 Actors went first and changed positions (7)
20 In laboratory, measure speed of small bird? (7)
21 The last Henry's position (6)
23 Eland struggled weighed down (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Incomparable (10)
6 Bible passage (4)
9 Deceive (5)
10 Conceited (4)
11 Anniversary of death (4)
13 Veal cutlet (6,9)
14 Condemn openly (8)
16 Mixture (6)
18 Cheerful (6)
19 Armorial (8)
22 Very pure (6,4,5)
24 Milky gem (4)
25 Gold-coloured (4)
26 Drunkard (5)

DOWN

- 27 Always (4)
28 Famous (10)
1 Not overcome (7)
2 Avoid (5)
3 Not often visited (12)
4 Languishing with amorous desire (8)
5 Elijah's successor (6)
7 Acted fraudulently (9)
8 Wholly (7)
12 Effervescent drink (7,5)
15 Wink (9)
17 Pear-tree (anag.) (8)
18 Mandible (7)
20 Gladdened (7)
21 Industrial action (6)
23 Computer data (5)

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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No85

ACROSS: 1 Unequaled 6 Text 9 Bluff 10 Vain 11 Obit 13 Wiener schnitzel 14 Denounce 16 Medley 18 Jocund 19 Heraldic 22 Whiter than white 24 Opal 25 Gift 26 Toper 27 Ever 28 Celebrated. DOWN: 1 Unbowed 2 Elude 3 Unfrequent 4 Lovesick 5 Elisha 7 Embezzled 8 Totally 12 Mineral water 15 Nictitate 17 Repartee 18 Jawbone 20 Cheered 21 Strike 23 Input.

QUICK SOLUTION No86

Overrun 20 Toilet 21 Shadow 23 Capon. 15 Undercut 16 Quatrain 17 Mace 19 Relevant 7 Excel 9 Jean 14 Mausoleum 6 Brunswick 3 Amble 4 Shimmy 5 Organist 18 Instant 27 Woman. DOWN: 1 Zestful 2 24 Toothsome 25 Spectated bear 26 one man 17 Making up 18 Lard 22 Cache block 10 Fishermen 11 Valve 12 Loin 13 As 21 Industrial action 23 Computer data (5)

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PROPERTY NEWS

Gloom hasn't lifted says builders' survey

THE latest State of Trade Survey from the Federation of Master Builders makes for gloomy reading.

It reports that a total of 73 per cent of small building firms have seen a decline in workloads. A further 66 per cent reported a decline for the commercial property sector in the first quarter of 2009. Although morale was reported to be poor with builders' expectations at a low level, there was one note of cheer.

In the non-residential public sector some 14 per cent of FMB builders saw their workloads increase.

Richard Diment, director-general of the FMB, said: "Given the weak economic outlook, the negative workload responses from FMB builders are hardly surprising as this general gloom surrounding the UK's future economic prospects convinces many companies to put expansions, moves, and new office building on hold for the foreseeable future."

The survey indicated there may be a slowing in the rate of decline in private housing, public non-residential new build, and public non-residential repair and maintenance.

Ways to help people up the property ladder

WARD Homes has reported a strong sales performance in the first three months of the year, adding to hopes that the worst of the economic downturn has passed.

The company has already sold 79 homes in 2009. The company says its success is down to competitive prices and deals to suit all kinds of buyers.

All but 10 homes have now been sold at Kings Hill, near West Malling, and just seven homes remain in the current phase at Eden Village, Sittingbourne.

Throughout the region, properties are selling at a rate of nearly two per week.

"We have seen a strong performance in terms of the number of homes sold and visitors to our sites in the last few months as more and more people realise that now could be the time to buy," said Tim Nabbs, sales director at Ward Homes.

"We have a number of ways to help our customers move up the property ladder.

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Housing market shows signs of revival for buyers but not sellers

■ BY NICK AMES

BUYERS have been returning to the property market during the spring, according to a new survey.

The National Association of Estate Agents has seen a small increase in house sales.

This follows reports this week from the Council of Mortgage Lenders and HM Revenue & Customs who said lending and agreed sales were on the up.

However, the association has said the Chancellor Alistair Darling missed an opportunity to help the housing market in the Budget.

Signs the market was bottoming out have been approached cautiously in recent weeks, with experts warning the housing market is still in a fragile state.

However, the association research found the number of house hunters registering with estate agents was up 12 per cent, with the number of agreed sales per agent increased from eight to nine, from February to March.

The average house price, however, was 6.38 per cent lower than the actual asking price, although this appears to have drawn first-time buyers back into the market.

Association member Richard Copus said: "The market has definitely been showing signs of a revival in March. But like the weather, it is likely to be changeable and must be treated with caution."

Experts said the increased sales per agent were "the largest average figure for more than a year and a great source of optimism for the industry", with the number of house hunters at their highest levels for a year, indicating home buyer confidence was returning. However, the story for sellers was somewhat more pes-



SELLING UP: Experts warn the market is still in a fragile state despite a reported increase in the number of house hunters

simistic, with the average number of properties on estate agents books falling from 74 in February to 67 in March.

An association spokesman said: "This is a potentially worrying indicator, as it suggests that sellers are not confident of getting the best possible price for their property."

"It is likely to reflect a view that the period of consistent house price falls is coming to an end – meaning those with property to sell feel it might better serve their interests to delay for a number of months and try to catch an upturn."

Lee Bramzell, chief executive of PropertyIndex.com, said: "Over

recent months we have seen a steady trickle of positive news from across the housing industry, suggesting that buyers really are being tempted back into the market."

"While we still have a long way to go before we return to strong house price growth I believe the tide is beginning to turn."

"Many buyers now believe that the bottom of the market is approaching and as a result, they are starting to take action to ensure they don't miss out."

The association earlier said Mr Darling should have done more to help first time buyers returning to the market, and that his extension on the Stamp Duty threshold

will do little to encourage them to buy their first home.

Chris Brown, president said: "This is a token gesture that will be presented as a benefit to first-time buyers but is in reality irrelevant to two thirds of them."

"Our figures show that first-time buyers came back to the market in droves in January, making up 25 per cent of sales."

"The figure has only dipped slightly since then and in March was 23 per cent. The Chancellor's measures will do little to consolidate that resurgence in interest."

"If the number falls again next month then we will know that confidence is dropping in the wake of a botched Budget."

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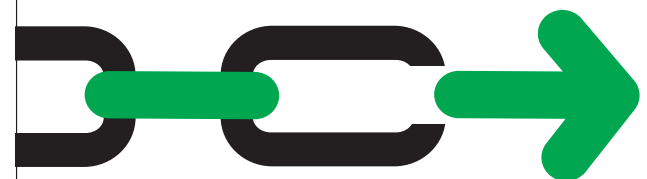


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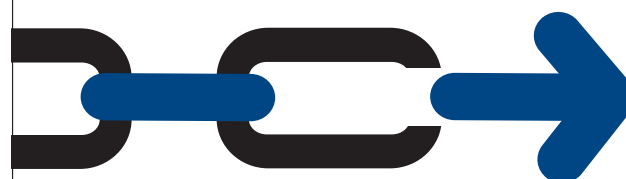


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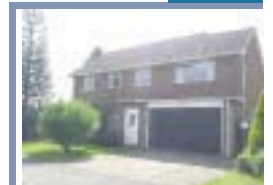
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Love single mum, 33, cuddly and curvy, 5ft6, blonde and blue-eyed, like a drink, animals, reading, cinema, looking for honest, trustworthy and caring male. Box 451249

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Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494

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Love young female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

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Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

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Love young lady, 33, 5ft8, cuddly larger build, single mum, seeking kind, caring, honest and genuine man for friendship...hopefully more. Box 450371

CHATHAM UP!

Pretty black female, 32, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 437778

CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTm nice, kind gent. Box 439402

FIT FOR FUN

Petite, dark-haired girl, 33, 5ft, fit, loves badminton, cinema and more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047

SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595

LIVING IT

Fair-haired female, 35, 5ft, loves the gym, pubs, nights out and fine company, searching for fun bloke, for life, love and laughter. Box 881011

GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTm honest, reliable man. Box 451311

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

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Asford-based woman looking for an honest, friendly, caring and loving man. I have two kids and enjoy the usual things in life. Box 446985

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Loving female, 37, 5ft2, brown hair, slim, looking for honest, caring male with GSOH, for friendship, leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053

BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983

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Pretty, black female, 38, 5ft4, like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446884

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TIME TO LIVE AGAIN

Lovely 40yr old mum, average build, brown hair, blue eyes, 5ft2, bubbly and GSOH...would like friendship and maybe more with the right man. Box 880149

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

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Attractive woman with a great personality to go with, looking to meet a fit, tall, well-built black male, 35-55, for fun times and hopefully romance. Box 450650

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Nice looking, 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTm a genuine white male with GSOH for a fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890

A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Easy-going blonde animal lover, 41, easy-going and tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a loyal, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079

FANCY A DRINK?

Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water-sports, cinema, animals; WLTm fun-loving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 447396

COSY TIMES TOGETHER

Fun-loving female, 42, looking for someone who can make me laugh and enjoys country walks, films, travelling and a nice evening cuddled up. Box 881545

ALONG THE SHORE

Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trustworthy guy for a relationship. Hastings Box 451469

LET'S CLUCK

WLTm a nice guy with a similar nature; I'm an outgoing woman, 42, with brown hair and green eyes. Tell me about you! Box 446847

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

SOMEbody TO LAUGH WITH...

Loving lady looking for companionship, 36, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446382

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Looking for a positive, forward-looking man. I'm 64, slim, 5ft8, attractive, with a good attitude and various interests. Maidstone. Box 451429

Women seeking women

FUN AND MAYBE MORE

Hi I'm 37, now to town and would love to meet some genuine companions to socialise with and go out and have some fun. Box 880564

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ENTERTAIN ME

Female, 50, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular wining, dining, loving and laughter, must be honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

BE MY GUY

Young 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, a smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest... Box 449286

HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Box 417100

THE REAL THING

Unlily bubbly lady, 52, brown hair blue eyes, 5ft7, medium build, likes travel, walks, documentaries, films, seeking male with GSOH for fun-loving relationship. Box 451255

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...

Young looking, hard working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with GSOH. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

TAKE MY BREATH AWAY

Young at heart lady, 56, enjoys travel, holiday, swimming, sport, days out, seeks solvent, attractive gent of similar age. Folkestone Box 451388

SMART MOVE

Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walks, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship/more. Box 430854

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448785

NO SHALLOWNESS

Intelligent lady, 55, 5ft8, large build, looking for a nice, genuine male who enjoys theatre, meals, laughter, music, relaxing and good conversation. Box 444145

A COMPANION FOR LIFE?

Blonde lady, 56, 5ft5, medium build, attractive, devoted mum, ready to start dating again and seeking male who loves travel, theatre, walks, cinema and more. Box 448449

HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO

Londoner new to the area, 57, 5ft5, slim attractive blonde, seeking a man for serious relationship and lasting happiness. Box 449587

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

I HAVE A DREAM

Blonde, bubbly curvy female, 59, looks younger, fun to be with, honest, seeks caring male to be my soul-mate. GSOH. Box 883891

HAPPY AS ME

Fun-to-be with, happy, contented lady, 60, 5ft4, I enjoy theatre, dining out and having friends round for a meal, gardening, pets. Box 882812

THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE

53yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kind-spirited spirit who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143

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NOTHING TO LOSE

Laid back, attractive single dad, 35, 5ft7, brown eyes, medium build, looking for someone similar to enjoy films, socialising and hopefully love... Box 451286

TRY ME

Down-to-earth, laid back guy, a father of 2, 5ft7, 35, brown eyes, shaved head, I enjoy eating out, swimming, films and family time. Box 451418

AS SOON AS YOU CAN

Caring romantic guy, 35, GSOH, likes going out with friends, long walks, reading, music, films and more, WLTm caring female for friendship leading to LTR. Box 880813

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Down-to-earth sincere and intelligent guy, 36, looking for mature lady for friendship and possible relationship. Box 451231

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?

Hi all I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503

EVERYTHING I DO

Lie, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, likes pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTm a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH

Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435

IT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Since I was an old male, self-employed, seeks Miss Right, 30-40, for friendship/romance. Box 783954

FULL MARKS

Hi I'm Andrew, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking guy, friendly, tactile & outgoing, likes enjoying life, WLTm easysgoing female for friendship/relationship. Box 443488

FRIENDS FIRST

Caring, understanding chap, 40, 5ft7, blue eyes/blond hair, slim/average build. I'm easysgoing and relaxed and like like travel, music, film, restaurants, theatre, days out, badminton. Box 451361

MAKE YOUR MARK

Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, WLTm someone trustworthy and caring. Box 448372

TO ENJOY LIFE

Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, WLTm someone trustworthy and caring to settle down with. Box 448377

MOTORS NEWS



Scrappage scheme dream deal options

ONE benefit of the Budget's £2,000 scrap-page scheme is the decent discounts never available before on certain cars.

Nowhere is this more obvious than on BMW and Mini (pictured) models and there are even offers over and above the Government scheme.

Someone keen to upgrade to a new BMW, for instance, could get a 116i Sport for £242 a month, with zero deposit and immediately save money through the car's eco-friendly EfficientDynamics technology – on top of a total discount/grant of £3,260.



'Optimal Auris' brings more go and less gas

MOST manufacturers offer eco versions of key models, but Toyota is 'greening' whole car ranges after dismantling the internal combustion engine and re-assembling it in new 'Optimal Drive' powertrains.

These save money and the conscience with apparently contradictory benefits: more power plus better economy with lower CO2 emissions/road tax, and are now available in revised Auris family hatch models (from £12,900).

The UK-built 131bhp 1.6-litre petrol option offers nine per cent better economy, eight per cent lower CO2 emissions and six per cent than before.



Octavia troupers stage comeback

HAVING upgraded mainstream Octavia versions in late 2008, Skoda has unveiled sporty vRS and rugged Scout facelifts.

The vRS option has been a huge success for the VW-owned Czech brand; 70 per cent have sold in the estate format as a cut-price performance load lugger to rival BMW and Audi's finest.

The Scout, with its rough and tough adds-ons, 4x4 and high-riding stance, has also been popular with those needing some go anywhere ability without big off-roader bodywork. Prices are to be confirmed.



IMPROVEMENT: The Hyundai i10 was launched with a 1.1 litre engine – that has now been replaced by a livelier and smoother 1.2 litre unit which takes the car to another level

Hyundai i10 catches up thanks to engine upgrade

ROAD TEST HYUNDAI i10

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Head and legroom for all and comfort levels are good and this high-roof car can be crammed like a van when rear seats are folded.

Some textured trimming looks cheap though and the steering wheel feels low rent on Classic and Comfort spec; I would not normally advocate going for any top spec model, but a leather-covered wheel is just one luxury to recommend our flagship i10 Style test car (£8,195).

It costs £1,100 more than poverty spec Classic, but you get alloys, heated front seats, a storage tray beneath the passenger seat, an electric sun-roof and rear spoiler.

That's on top of generous standard kit including air-con and front electric windows, plus some thoughtful design.

The boot, for instance, is not only spacious for this class, but has two bins beneath the floor as well as a compartmentalised tray above the space saver spare wheel – plenty of stowage to capture those odds 'n' sods that accumulate.

It is a motoring package a long way from the Hyundai of five years ago, yet still has the famous five-year warranty and value for money that kept the brand in the game while catching up with European carmakers.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

BUDGET ALTERNATIVES

SCRAPPING your old car in exchange for £2,000 towards a new one dominated motoring headlines in the latest Budget, but this still leaves some drivers short of cash to upgrade. Fortunately, the used market offers many used city cars and superminis and most are frugal; some even fall into the desirable £35/year road tax banding. Even if they don't, fuel savings should soon make you happier with trading up to or downsizing to something more in step with greener and more wallet-friendly motoring. Check this trio of alternative budget deals.

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FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S baby was deservedly European Car of the Year in 2004. It shows that a space efficient interior does not have to go with a dull utilitarian exterior – the Panda could function as a van, but looks far more interesting. The distinctive five-door Italian is also fun to drive and cheap to tax, insure and fuel, yet features cutting-edge technology. A lively turbodiesel option – averaging 65+mpg – rugged 4x4 version and hot 100hp model add to the line-up's attractions.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HYUNDAI GETZ



IT is ageing now, but the Getz signalled Hyundai's arrival on the European motor scene, with a thoroughly modern supermini. It does not excel in any area really, but neither does the Korean car fall short anywhere either. Available in three and five-door form with a five-year warranty, it also has some engines in road tax band-B, including an efficient diesel. Securing a good deal – with some warranty intact.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

FORD KA



THOUGH given the chop this year, the original Ka remains in demand as a used budget buy. The engines are geriatric, but dependable and the quirky-looking three-door city car/supermini makes a good, distinctive and affordable runabout. There are plenty on the market to choose from and if it has a fault, then it is that the distinctive styling tends to attract women buyers – and put off the blokes – but it drives well, being based on a previous Fiesta.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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Quality	★★★★★

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C3, 1.1i Desire 5dr, lv05wrf, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd. insurance group:2, blue, 16453 miles, £4995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

FORD

C-MAX, 1.8TDCi Titanium 5dr***TITANIUM X AND SPORT PACK***, ej08xrp, titanium x pack, with over 400 Ford cars in stock today, contact the used car team for more help, all vehicles come with balance of year, 18 alloys, 2yrs roadside assistance, bluetooth, bluetooth handsfree and voice control, park assist, privacy glass, rain sensing wipers, solar reflect windscreen, xenon headlights, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, colour coding body, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, heated screen, leather seats, leather upholstery, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, black, 3629 miles, £14695, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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C-MAX, 2.0 Zetec 5dr Auto, ya07vbd, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, child locks, computer, driver airbag, foglights, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, seatback tables, side airbags, radio/cd, spoiler, rear headrests, tinted glass, blue, 6933 miles, £8995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 TDCi Zetec 5dr - NEW SHAPE, gk58vmc, metallic squeeze. abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, heated screen, metallic paintwork. insurance group:4, green, 7000 miles, £10995, Sittingbourne, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 TDCi LX 5dr [AC], lv53lcf, metallic vitro, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, green, 49434 miles, £4995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec 3dr [Climate], gk06pov, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, silver, 6754 miles, £6995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Freedom 3dr, gk07wmx, adjustable seats, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:4, blue, 16956 miles, £6995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Ghia 5dr, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, black, 12806 miles, £9695, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 TDCi Zetec S 3dr, gk08ujd, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats, blue tooth, bluetooth voice control, foglights, locking wheel nuts, metallic paintwork. silver, 10679 miles, £8995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Zetec 5dr [Climate], gk07wie, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, electric heated door mirrors, heated front windscreen. insurance group:4, blue, 22643 miles, £6990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 2.0 ST 3dr ***FULL LEATHER TRIM***, ej560cx, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd multichanger, rear headrests, sports seats, full leather trim. insurance group:13, blue, 20173 miles, £9990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 TDCi Zetec 5dr [Climate] ****'235 ROAD TAX***, lv06ise, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats, insurance group:6, blue, 33393 miles, £7995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Zetec 3dr Auto***NEW SHAPE-ONLY 778 MILES***, lv58kvc, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, power assisted steering. insurance group:7, black, 778 miles, £11990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Zetec 5dr [Climate]***SPORTS+TECH PACK****, oe08kdd, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, air conditioning. insurance group:4, silver, 42731 miles, £4995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec 3dr, gk54ztb, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:4, silver, 42731 miles, £4995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 TDCi Zetec 5dr - NEW SHAPE, gk58vmc, metallic squeeze. abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, heated screen, metallic paintwork. insurance group:4, green, 7000 miles, £10995, Sittingbourne, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

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FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec 5dr, na08mxz, air conditioning, alloy wheels, side airbags, radio/cd, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, central locking, child locks, colour coding body, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, remote locking, insurance group:7, grey, 19863 miles, £9495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.8 Sport S 5dr, gj07ycw, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:6, silver, 23737 miles, £8495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 2.0 Titanium 5dr - AUTO, gk56cxa, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats. insurance group:10, blue, 13650 miles, £8495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec 5dr [Climate pack] - AUTO, gk56hyx, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats. insurance group:6, blue, 33393 miles, £7995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec 3dr Auto***NEW SHAPE-ONLY 778 MILES***, lv58kvc, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd. insurance group:7, orange, 100 miles, £10999, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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US firm picks Kent for its first office abroad

A US-based company which helps businesses prepare bid-winning graphics proposals for Government and defence contracts has chosen Kent for its first UK office.

The 24 Hour Company, helped by Locate in Kent, the investment promotion agency for Kent and Medway, has chosen an office unit at Medway Innovation Centre in Rochester.

It will mean new jobs in the area over the next few years.

Director Colleen Jolly said: "We are really thrilled to be opening our first office outside America. We felt that Kent was the ideal business location due to its transport links to London and Europe."

Paul Wookey, chief executive at Locate in Kent, said: "There is a good level of interest in Kent from US companies. Since 2007, we have helped eight American-based businesses make nearly £1.5m worth of investment in the county."

Women's networking groups on the increase

BUSINESSWOMEN have been flocking to some new networking groups which have sprung up in west Kent over the last few years – and now they're aiming to spread across the rest of the county.

Called 12.30 groups – because that's the time they were originally held – they've become so successful that the first franchise model for them is being piloted.

The pilot franchise is being run by hypnotherapist Mandy Shepherd and Karen Wilkinson, who runs a cleaning firm. They already run groups in Kings Hill and Southborough, and they are opening one in Maidstone on May 20.

Other groups in Dartford, Beckenham, Sevenoaks and Bromley are run by managers.

The idea was launched by Bromley businesswomen Jackie Groundsell and Penny Denby. Details on www.1230.co.uk

Disappointment with Darling as he fails to go for mediator idea

■ BY TONY PATEY

BOSSES of one of the UK's leading business organisations are fuming that Chancellor Alistair Darling didn't take up an idea which they said would help most of the firms in Kent.

More than nine out of 10 county businesses are small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) – and the area branch of the Federation of Small Businesses has been campaigning for a 'corporate mediator' to help build relations between banks and SMEs.

The FSB, which has 7,000 members in the county, has been saying for some time that the key problems facing SMEs are cash flow worries caused mainly by firms being paid later than usual – and lack of credit when needed from banks.

Debasish Sen, vice-chairman of FSB Kent and Medway, said: "I'm very disappointed that the Chancellor has not even considered the idea of a mediator. A recent poll by the FSB revealed that over 70 per cent of small businesses wish to see a corporate mediator."

"This clearly reflects the frustration that many small businesses are having when trying to talk to their bank. The element of decision making at the bank at local level seems to have gone forever."

"A corporate mediator to resolve these problems would represent both sides in disputes and discussions and de-politicise the whole issue of bank lending. I believe this would re-establish trust between banks and businesses during the recession and guide the economy into recovery."

Chairman Roger House said: "It is high time the Government took some serious action and built bridges between the banks and the small businesses which keep our economy moving."

"The Government has run high-profile PR events aimed at communities suggesting they are coming out to 'meet and listen' where transparently this degenerates into a complete lack of innovative decision-making."

"If we are to come out of this economic crisis we need leadership and new thinking; business it seems could deliver both better than Government."

"The future health of our economy depends on mending the relationship between small business and the banks; small firms and entrepreneurs need confidence to take the risks to innovate, grow and create jobs and take us out of the recession."

"In order to do this, they need to regain their faith in the banking system."

"Small businesses have identified a corporate mediator, one which works similarly to those in France and Belgium, as key to this revival."

They said that an independent go-between, brokering agreement on decisions which are at a stalemate, including bank lending to small firms, should have been included in the Budget – but there wasn't even a mention of it.

Relationships between banks and SMEs have been deteriorating. The FSB's research shows that around a third of small businesses consider their bank to be less helpful than before the downturn.



NO GO-BETWEEN: Alistair Darling ignored company bosses' calls for a mediator for banks and businesses

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FINGERS CROSSED: Bowling coach Geoff Arnold is hoping for full-time contract at Kent

Bowling coach wants full-time job

EXPERIENCED bowling coach Geoff Arnold hopes he has done enough with Kent's attack to be given a contract to work with the county's pace bowlers for the whole summer.

The former England fast bowler was released as Surrey's bowling coach at the end of last season and joined Kent as a bowling consultant in pre-season.

The 64-year-old's future at the club will be decided when director of cricket Graham Ford joins up

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with the Kent squad and Arnold hopes he will be given a chance to continue in the role.

He said: "I have said that I want to coach for as long as possible. Although I am pushing the retirement age I don't want to retire because I feel I have still got a lot to offer the game.

"I am fit enough to do catching and fielding in practice so it's

wait and see what Kent want to do really."

Kent's problems with extras last season, particularly no-balls, is something Arnold has been working on trying to eradicate during pre-season.

He said: "It is something we have been looking at, but I always believe it's a self-discipline thing, you have got to hit a mark but some bowlers don't do that and then wonder why they get hit for runs."

Key's form pays off with England recall

KENT captain Robert Key has been included in England's squad for the World Twenty20 that begins in this country on June 1.

The Kent skipper, who captained the England Lions against West Indies last week, will line up alongside players such as Andrew Flintoff and Kevin Pietersen in England's 15-man squad, led by new captain Paul Collingwood.

Kent chairman George Kennedy said the club will now have to look at bringing in a new opening batsman to replace Key while he is away with England.

Key's team-mate, Joe Denly, did not make the provisional 30-man squad.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson discusses the club's biggest games of the season

End in sight at last to Ford visa delay

AFTER more than a month exiled in South Africa, director of cricket, Graham Ford is finally expected to join up with the Kent squad this week.

The South African was due to meet up with the team for the beginning of pre-season at the end of March, but new visa regulations have delayed his arrival at St Lawrence.

Kent's chairman, George Kennedy, is confident Ford will arrive this week.

He said: "Graham has now completed his tests and results are due any time. I really do believe he will be with us in the next few days."

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Picture ADY KERRY

KOLPAK RETURN? Wayne Parnell says he is interested in a return to Kent after playing for South Africa in the World Twenty20 tournament in England during June

Parnell leaves door open for St Lawrence return

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■ BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT'S new overseas fast bowler Wayne Parnell could return to the county after playing in the World Twenty20 with South Africa – but as a Kolpak player.

The South African international is expected to be named in the Proteas' side for the Twenty20 competition in England that begins on June 1, with his six-week contract at St Lawrence due to end on May 21.

The World Twenty20 ends with the show-piece final at Lord's on June 21 which, if agreed, would leave Parnell with a window to rejoin the county for the final three months of the season.

The 19-year-old left-arm fast bowler, who took 4-79 and scored a brisk 69 in Kent's first innings in the County Championship against Essex, told this newspaper he would be happy to return to St Lawrence later in the summer.

"I am supposed to leave on May 21 as I'm hoping to make the South Africa World T20 squad later on so it will give me a few days before that

starts," he said. "After that I will reassess where I am. If I do well there is a possibility I will return, but we will have to see. It's a good set-up at Kent with a good bunch of guys with a good mixture of young and experienced players so hopefully I can do well."

Kent's chairman, George Kennedy, said that signing Parnell after the World Twenty20 is over was something the county are looking into.

Although, Rob Key's inclusion in the England's squad for the competition means Kent may have to find an overseas opening batsman to fill in, but Kennedy hopes Parnell could return, potentially as a Kolpak player.

"It's certainly in the pipeline," he said. "The only problem is if we bring in another overseas player once he has gone and we are looking into that for more than one reason. If he did come

back it could be as a Kolpak player, but these things are becoming more complex. On the evidence of one game though, he is the kind of player we want at the club."

Having been watched by Kent's exiled director of cricket, Graham Ford, Parnell was approached by the county with a proposition to join for an initial six-week stint.

The young quick bowler, who made his One-Day International debut in Australia in January, jumped at the chance to play county cricket as a way of preparing for this summer's Twenty20 tournament.

He said: "During the third One-Day International against Australia in South Africa, the club contacted my agent.

"He phoned me after the game to tell me Kent were interested because Stuart Clark had been re-called by the Aussies. With the World T20 being in England it will hopefully give me experience of bowling on these types of wickets.

"I have got to get used to English conditions and the English ball."

Hersden will become new home for promoted City

Picture: IGOR KUPCO



MOVE: Dave Fairclough's side will play at Hersden Recreation Ground next season after two successful seasons at Bridge

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

CANTERBURY City have confirmed the men's first team will play their home games at Hersden next season after securing a second successive promotion.

League rules for the County League Premier Division require teams to have facilities such as a turnstile and an enclosed pitch. City have played at the Recreation Ground in Bridge since reforming two seasons ago, but it does not meet the minimum conditions.

The club have been in talks for months about moving to the Hersden Recreation Ground and finalised the arrangements once the team sealed promotion last month.

Phil Knight, City's chairman, told Yourcanterbury the first team would be sorry to leave Bridge.

"We've had some great memories at Bridge, our first league game against Borden Village was there," he said.

"I like to think there will always be an affinity between the club and Bridge. We pull a lot of supporters from there and one would hope they are going to come down to

Hersden. It's a move we have to make, but we will leave Bridge with a heavy heart."

The switch will not mean an end to the club's links with the village as the pitch will still be used by several City sides, including the reserves.

The pitch at Hersden was used by Division Two East champions Premier this season and could mean City have to ground share. The stay may be brief, with City hoping to move into the planned community football hub at Ridlands Farm next year.

On the pitch, City added the Les Leckie Cup to their growing trophy cabinet last Thursday. They began poorly and were thoroughly outplayed by University of Kent in the first half, going 2-0 down at half-time.

Dave Read pulled a goal back four minutes after the interval before two goals from Wayne Fittall saw them run out 3-2 winners.

For City boss Dave Fairclough it capped another great season.

He said: "It's a real bonus, the league was always the priority but you never like to lose cup finals and this is the icing on the cake. Next year will be even harder, I think it will be an achievement just to stay in the division."

City had to come from behind again on Saturday as they drew 2-2 with New Romney, thanks to a brace from Royston Gough. They complete their league season at home to University of Kent on Saturday.

Kamikazee triumphed in Sevens Tournament

INVITATIONAL side Kamikaze ran out comfortable winners in front of a big crowd at the Kent Sevens tournament on Sunday.

The team, made up of players drawn from all across the county, beat Orpington outfit Olaf's Axes 33-19 in the final at Canterbury's Merton Lane.

A total of 15 teams took part in the event, which divided them into three pools of five teams. After the round robin games Kamikaze, Dover and 2008 champions Tunbridge Wells made it through to the semi-finals as group winners. The last four was completed by Olaf's Axes, who were the best runners-up.

The semi-finals were both one-sided affairs, with Wells' hopes of defending the Cornwallis Trophy extinguished by Olaf's Axes. Kamikaze swept Dover aside in the other game.

Olaf's Axes looked to be heading for glory in the final as they reached half time 19-7 ahead. But such leads can be easily eroded in sevens and so it proved as Kamikaze roared back with some superb running rugby which tore the tiring opposition apart.

In the Plate competition, Warlingham beat RAF Spitfires to lift the consolation trophy after both sides finished runners-up in their pools.



EXIT: Canterbury finished third in their pool



FIGHT: Some of the fighters who will be taking part in Ringmasters at Canterbury on Saturday

City could be at centre of kickboxing tournament

MORE than 100 fighters will descend on Canterbury this weekend to compete in one of the UK's biggest Thai kickboxing tournaments.

The Body and Mind Leisure Centre is hosting the fourth annual Ringmasters competition on Saturday. About 120 fighters are expected from all over the UK to contest nine weight categories in quick-fire bouts.

Ringmasters is the brainchild of Lee Whittington, an experienced trainer who runs the Warriors Gym in Herne Bay. Kickboxing is still a relatively obscure sport in the UK but he is confident anyone unfamiliar with the discipline would enjoy the event.

He said: "People can be a bit apprehensive about it but I would say to them if you come down and are not entertained I would give them their money back. I'm aware the issues some people can have with fighting sports but I would challenge anyone to come down

KICKBOXING

and see how well run the event is - we're a professional organisation and want a positive experience from the event."

It is the first time Ringmasters has been staged as a stand-alone competition. The first three years it was part of a larger martial arts exhibition in huge conference halls. It was due to be at the ExCeL centre in London's Docklands, but problems with sponsors saw the event scrapped.

Instead of abandoning this year's tournament, Whittington switched it to Canterbury. Depending on the success of Saturday, the move could become permanent.

Whittington said: "We'll review it afterwards, but Ringmasters could stay in Canterbury if everything goes well."

Ringmasters gets underway at noon on Saturday.

RUGBY



RETURN?: Michael Coman is keeping his options open after a successful stint at Merton Lane

Canterbury hope influential Kiwi will return next season

Lydney 24 Canterbury 29

CANTERBURY are hoping New Zealand star Michael Coman will return next season after the forward helped the side finish the campaign with a win at Lydney.

The former All Black under-19 international scored one of four tries in Gloucestershire as Canterbury consolidated their fifth place finish in National 3 South.

Coman, 22, joined the club in February to gain match fitness as he recovered from shattering a kneecap which had kept him out of the sport for almost 18 months. He returns to New Zealand this week in a bid to get his career back on track.

Chris Fullbrook, Canterbury's first team manager, paid tribute to the impact Coman has made and told Yourcanterbury there was a chance the Kiwi could return.

He said: "He's made a big difference in the back row since coming over. He goes back now to play provincial rugby and see if he can make it at that level. We've had talks with him and if he's not making it he would be more than happy to come back, which would be a big bonus."

The back row forward has weighed in with his fair share of tries in recent weeks and claimed another on Saturday to cancel out an early try from the hosts.

Cristof Blom, playing at centre, scored two tries which were both converted by Gert De Kock to give Canterbury a 19-5 lead before Lydney scored just before the break.

Jack Long's try on the hour sealed a bonus point. De Kock kicked the conversion and a penalty to put the game beyond Lydney, despite a late fight back in which the hosts scored two tries.

It completed a satisfying season for Canterbury, who finished in the top five.

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